

gospel ministry; the tremendous West where much of the brawn and more of the future brain of Church and state will be found; and the foreigners massing in our midst. With great candor, Dr. Hemphill admitted that much of his information and, perhaps, some also of his enthusiasm had come from the pages of the Committee's publication "The Home Mission Herald", and urged for it a more general circulation.

Unfortunately the writer failed through accident to come equipped with note book for this last meeting, and while the address itself is not lost to memory, the words are not available from which to quote; except the last challenge, "America for Christ, that the world may be won for Christ."

It seemed an acceptance of this challenge when Rev. J. P. Hall, of the Boys' Department of Lees-McRae Institute, Plumbtree, N. C., rose to tell in a few words of the magnificent work being done at that school among the boys and young men of the mountains. He told of the imperative need that was seen for such a school, of the co-operation of the people in the neighborhood, of the fine class of boys who come under its training and control, of the Sunday-schools started and kept up by the students and teachers, who walk miles each Sunday to do this "extension work"; of their growing influence, and of the sixteen boys in the school who are candidates for the ministry. Is not such a school and work vastly important and deserving our loyal support.

Could our people from all over the Church have heard the burning words of all these speakers and have met and learned to love and respect the men from "the firing line" who were present all of whom were not heard from publicly, surely we would realize, as never before, the magnitude of our opportunity and the glory of our emprise, "For Christ and native land."

AN INGATHERING OF SOULS.

The Mexican Presbyterian Churches in Medina and Uvalde Counties, Texas, held a camp meeting at a point ten miles south of Mondo from the twenty-first to the twenty-sixth of July.

The officers of these churches have formed an Elders' and Deacons' Association in our Mexican work in Texas. This camp meeting was held under the direction of this Association. A large arbor was built and seats and gasoline lamps were put in, and the meeting was well advertised. Families came from Sabinal, twenty-eight miles away, from Hondo, ten miles, and from Yancey, six miles. Besides the writer, we had with us to help in the preaching Rev. R. Avila, of San Antonio, Rev. E. S. Rodriguez, of Victoria, and Miguel Peralta, from El Paso. An excellent little choir from the Sabinal Church rendered good service in the singing. The singing was a special feature of this camp meeting, and I believe that under God did much to bring souls to Christ. Quite a number of American friends attended the serv-

ices and they expressed themselves as highly pleased with the singing and with the deportment of the Mexican people. Perhaps two hundred Mexicans attended the meetings altogether.

In point of members received, the results of this camp meeting were the reception of fifteen adult members on profession of faith, all of whom were baptized. Five were added to the Sabinal Church and ten to the El Progreso Church. This last church has its center of operations at the very point where the meeting was held. We were all gratified with the results and are grateful to the Head of the Church for the success with which our efforts were crowned. I am sure much more in the way of results will follow later on.

We were endeavoring to develop this field as the San Marcos field has been developed; and we hope to see largely attended camp meetings there as are seen every year at the latter place.

The El Progreso Church has no building. It was organized over three years ago and has had many rough experiences. Most of the time it has held its meetings under a large oak tree. It has only one elder, and the few members it has live greatly scattered. The Lord is now favoring it. Mr. Louis Mofield, a Methodist brother, has given us an acre of land, and will help us in other ways. With some help from Dr. Morris' Committee, we will build a chapel for this church in October. The members themselves will build it. I would be glad to get help for the building of this chapel.

Walter S. Scott, Evangelist.

EXPENSES OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE ASSEMBLY.

The Presbyteries of Western Texas and St. Louis sent up overtures to the last Assembly asking that the Assembly pay the necessary traveling expenses of its Commissioners on a mileage basis out of a contingent fund to be raised for that purpose. The Assembly answered these overtures as follows: "That this question be submitted to the different Presbyteries for their action, and report the same to the next General Assembly." In this connection the Assembly directed the Stated Clerks of the different Presbyteries to send a statement of the expenses of the Commissioners to the next Assembly, in order that the Assembly could act intelligently upon the matter. (See page 30, item 7 of 1909 minutes.) Later in the sittings of the Assembly that body adopted the following overture to the Presbyteries, in response to a request from Rev. S. A. King, D. D., Rev. E. M. Green, II, D., Rev. W. L. Nourse, D. D., and Rev. J. M. Holladay:

"Add to Chapter V., Section I., Paragraph 58, the following: 'Except that the expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly shall be paid out of the treasury of the General Assembly,' making the whole paragraph read as follows: 58. VII. The expenses of Ministers and Ruling Elders in their attendance on the Courts shall be defrayed by the bodies

which they respectively represent, except that the expenses of Commissioners to the General Assembly shall be paid out of the treasury of the General Assembly.'" (See pages 48 and 49.)

This overture was unanimously recommended by the Committee on Bills and Overtures and unanimously adopted by the Assembly, notwithstanding it has in view a radical change in the method of meeting such expenses. Why this change? Some of the reasons are the following:

1. That the strong Presbyteries may help to bear the burden of the weak Presbyteries, and

2. This would but be equitable and just, for the work of the Commissioner is work done for the whole Church.

Lexington Presbytery has a constituency of 11,203 from which to get her funds for expenses, while the Texas-Mexican Presbytery has only \$93. Upon a basis of ten cents per member Lexington Presbytery will have a fund of \$1,120.30 and Texas-Mexican will have \$9.30. The next Assembly will meet in Lewisburg, W. Va., and Lexington Presbytery will send four Commissioners at an expense of possibly \$40, while Texas-Mexican Presbytery will send two Commissioners at an expense of possibly \$150. Yet the Commissioners of both Presbyteries go there to transact the business of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. The Assembly of 1908 met in Greensboro, and the Assembly of 1909 in Savannah, while the next Assembly will meet in Lewisburg, W. Va. For three years in succession the Assembly will have met in places which have made the burden of meeting these expenses fall more lightly on the majority of the strong Presbyteries and to fall most heavily upon the weaker and Home Mission Presbyteries. Think how heavy this burden has been upon the Presbyteries within the Synods of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Louisiana for this period! Is it right or just to these brethren, struggling upon the frontier and burdened so heavily with Home Mission work? The Assembly does not meet often enough within the territory of these weaker Presbyteries to "even up" expenses. One has only to read the list of the meeting places to see how true this is. The Assembly has met forty-nine times, and in the following states: Twice in Maryland; three times in Virginia; four times in North Carolina; three times in South Carolina; eight times in Georgia; four times in Kentucky; six times in Tennessee; six times in Alabama; three times in Mississippi; twice in Missouri; three times in Arkansas; twice in Louisiana, and three times in Texas. (Next year in West Virginia.) Out of fifty times it has met west of the Mississippi river only ten times. Lexington and Texas-Mexican Presbyteries are mentioned only for the purpose of illustration. It is believed that the Presbyteries will calmly consider the matter, and the overture be adopted, is the hope of

Commissioner.